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In re Application of:

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Sir:

In compliance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the following listed on the attached PTO-1449 is material information of which applicants are aware, and which is relevant to the above-identified application

A copy of the references and the Search Report for the corresponding PCT application are attached hereto.

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